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Serial No .:

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### CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) (Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)) of prior patent application Serial No. 08/813,714, filed on March 7, 1997, and entitled AUTOMATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

The above-identified prior patent application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, and which has a filing date on or after June 8, 1995, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

- A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered  $\boxtimes$ consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
- $\boxtimes$ The fee has been calculated as shown below in the "Claims as Filed" table.

## CLAIMS AS FILED

Number of Claims Filed	In Excess of:	Number Extra		Rate		Fee
Basic Filing Fee						\$740.00
Total Claims						
8	20	0	х	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims						
1	3	0	х	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAI	M FEE					\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE		 				\$740.00

- $\boxtimes$ A charge to the Deposit Account identified below in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the Filing Fee.
- $\boxtimes$ Address all future communications to the Attention of George H. Gates at Gates & Cooper LLP, Howard Hughes Center, 6701 Center Drive West, Suite 1050, Los Angeles, California 90045, Telephone: (310) 641-8797.



· A return postcard is enclosed.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

Please charge all fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1673 of NCR Corporation, the assignee of the present application. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

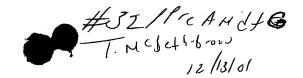
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# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2001, which was made final, and in conjunction with the continued prosecution application (CPA) submitted herewith, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application.

# IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 and add new claims 15-22 as follows: